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House of Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

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### **POLAD Background**

**Dr. Thokozani Khuphe** – Chairwoman of POLAD **Party Affiliation**: Movement for Democratic Change – Tsvangirai (MDC-T)

Dr. Khuphe is a Zimbabwean politician, trade unionist, and the President of the MDC-T breakaway faction of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC). She was Deputy Prime Minister from 2009-13.

Following the death of party founder Morgan Tsvangirai in early 2018, Khuphe opposed the ascent of Nelson Chamisa as leader of the MDC-T on the grounds that she was the only one of its three Vice Presidents elected by Congress, whereas Chamisa and the third vice president Elias Mudzuri had been merely appointed by Tsvangirai. Khuphe was supported by much of the party organization, but lost the power struggle to Chamisa.

Khuphe and her supporters consider their faction the legitimate MDC-T and have continued to use the MDC-T name. They are involved in a court battle with the Chamisa faction over the issue and the matter had not been resolved. During the 2018 general elections, the Khuphe faction ran in the elections as the MDC-T, while the much bigger Chamisa faction ran as part of the MDC Alliance.

**Dr Willard T Mugadza** – Deputy Chair of POLAD **Party Affiliation:** Leader of Bethel Christian Party (BCP)

Dr. Mugadza is the Founder of Africa Institute for Fighting Corruption in Public Procurement. He is currently a Lecturer in Public Law at Midlands State University (Gweru, Zimbabwe). He specializes in public procurement law, anti-corruption law, international economic law, international trade law, administrative law, and public international law. His latest publication is 'Book review: Corruption and Human Rights Law in Africa (2018) 21 *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal*. Further, his latest project is with World Bank Group — Doing Business 2019 Contracting with the Government of Namibia. He holds a B-Juris, LLB, LLM and LLD.

In 2018, Dr. Mugadza was a presidential candidate in the Zimbabwean general election, winning 0.12 percent of the vote.

**Prof. Lovemore Madhuku** – Chairperson POLAD Governance and Legislative Agenda Sub-Committee

Party Affiliation: Movement for Democratic Change President of National Constitutional Assembly (NCA)

Professor Madhuku was born on 20 July 1966 in Chipinge, Zimbabwe. He attended the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), receiving a Bachelor of Law degree in 1990. He then travelled to the UK to study at the University of Cambridge, receiving a Master of Law in 1994 and a doctorate in 1999.

In 2010, he published a book titled *An Introduction to Zimbabwean Law*. He was made a full professor at UZ in 2011.

Madhuku is a founding member of the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), a pro-democracy group allied with the Movement for Democratic Change led by Morgan Tsvangirai. The group opposed the one-party rule of President Robert Mugabe and supports the establishment of a democratic constitution. Madhuku served as its vice president from 1997 to 2001 and its president from 2001 to 2011. In 2000, he helped to defeat a constitution introduced by Mugabe in a national referendum.

Madhuku was awarded the 2004 Civil Courage Prize by the US-based Train Foundation, sharing it with Iranian activist Emadeddin Baghi.

Mr. Trust Chikohora – Chairperson, POLAD Economic Sub-Committee Party Affiliation: Coalition of Democrats (CODE)

Mr. Chikohora is the sitting president of the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce, ZNCC, one of the country's biggest representative bodies for business.

Mr. Chikohora attended the University of South Africa and received a Bachelor of Accounting Science degree. He later enrolled at the University of Zimbabwe for a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting and is also a chartered accountant. He registered as a Public Auditor and Fellow of the Institute of Directors of Zimbabwe and also acquired a Master of Business Administration. Mr. Chikohora was nominated to sit on the council of Charted Accountants of Zimbabwe and Institute of Directors of Zimbabwe. He has great interests in the private sector, where he ended up serving as the finance director of a leading industrial firm.

He joined ZNCC in 2004, rising through the ranks from regional to national level. He ascended to the position of ZNCC president in 2010. In 2017, Mr. Chikohora became President of The Coalition of Democrats (CODE), an opposition faction within Zimbabwe. The group endorsed Elton Mangoma as their presidential candidate in the 2018 General Election.

**Mr. Kwanele Hlabangana** – Rapporteur, POLAD International Relations and Re-engagement Sub-Committee

Party Affiliation: Republican Party of Zimbabwe

Mr. Hlabangana is a seasoned businessman and serial entrepreneur with vast experience in business administration, deal structuring, investments facilitation, brokering, marketing, public relations, advertising, and publishing. Mr. Hlabangana started his professional career at Kaizer Industries, a company owned by Kaizer Chiefs Football Club in South Africa. He then moved to Vodacom at the inception of the mobile phone industry in South Africa before venturing into his own business.

In 2003, he founded Africa Business Linkages a company with interests in mining, fast-food enterprise, natural medicines, and business consultancy. He later joined the Government of South Africa, serving under the Department of Agriculture in a project called LandCare that was funded by the Australian Government. In 2005, he left South Africa and established Africa Business Linkages in Zimbabwe, where he partnered with a group of Scientists at the University of Zimbabwe and established Gundamiti Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Limited, a joint venture project on the Research and Manufacturing of natural medicines.

He successfully led negotiations between the governments of Zimbabwe and South Africa for a project called HACCSY (Home Affairs, Command and Control Systems) for the Zimbabwe Republic Police. He was also very instrumental in the development and formulation of the Zimbabwe Diamond Policy through his company, Dalinotho Diamonds.

Mr. Hlabangana sits on the boards of a number of professional bodies in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He is co-founder of the Unisa-Africa Girl Development Programme, a female development initiative in partnership with the University of South Africa (UNISA) & the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute (TMALI). He is a Trustee of the Joshua Nkomo Foundation, the Joshua Nkomo Legacy Restoration, and is also Chairperson of the Bulawayo Economic Development Agency (BEDA). Mr. Hlabangana is also very active in politics and is the leader of the Republican Party of Zimbabwe (RPZ). In the year 2018, he participated in the Zimbabwean General Elections as a Presidential Candidate for his party.

**Hon. Apollonia Munzverengwi Party Affiliation** – ZANU PF
Senator in Zimbabwe's Upper House
Minister of Provincial Affairs for Mashonaland East

The Honorable Apollonia Munzverengwi is a retired senior civil servant. She retired in 2012 after 32 years of service. From 2014-2017, Munzverengwi was President of the Zimbabwe Miners Federation. She was in charge of the small scale miners in Gold, Chrome, and semi-precious mining. She has worked as both an administrator and politician. She holds a HND Business Management from Henley College, United Kingdom.

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February 3, 2020

#### ATTENTION: Senator Risch and Senator Coons

#### Greetings.

Regarding the recent news of your letter to Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin, we felt compelled to reach out to you in hopes of furthering a relationship between Zimbabwe and the West and hope to be able to meet with you on our upcoming Trip to Washington DC in March 2020. Our organisation, Political Actors Dialogue (POLAD), is a platform for political parties that fielded Presidential Candidates in Zimbabwe's 2018 harmonised elections to contribute to social, economic and political progress as well as re-engagement efforts. Our organisation was launched in May 2019. We are a bipartisan organisation and are inclusive of all progressive political parties. In recent political meetings, 17 political parties have been represented. We regret that two political parties have chosen not to join our group and have repeatedly requested to engage the governing and ruling party (ZANU PF) in their own capacities outside the POLAD framework.

We agree with your observation that one of the challenges that has perennially hindered Zimbabwe from moving forward is endemic corruption. POLAD along with President Emmerson Mnangagwa, have also acknowledged the need to fight corruption at every level and has shown a renewed effort to do so by empowering the Zimbabwe Anti-corruption Commission (ZACC) headed by the Honourable Justice Loice Matanda-Moyo. As an organisation, we have been supportive of the President in this effort.

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not vote. As these 17 political parties, we are not only representing those who voted but we are representing the entire population of Zimbabwe.

We ourselves have not been sanctioned, yet many of the members of our own group have been unable to open bank accounts because of red flags that exist in the global financial system on Zimbabwe as a direct repercussion of Sanctions. Other members of our group have had bank accounts shut down due to this same reason.

Zimbabwe as a whole continues to struggle daily with access to capital not only because we have faced issues of corruption, but also because of Sanctions related issues. We hear directly from international corporations that are afraid to do business in Zimbabwe because of issues regarding Sanctions. We do not wish to blame every woe that Zimbabwe faces on Sanctions, but we cannot deny the fact that because of Sanctions, the very least among us in society suffer directly.

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Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Chair: Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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As the Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee we want to tell you about the impact of the US and other western countries sanctions on specific people and businesses. While they are targeted, their impact is greatly affecting the average citizen. We represent multiple political parties and speak as a voice for the Zimbabwean people that are suffering. The 17 political parties and leaders in POLAD represent a majority of Zimbabweans electorally. Zimbabwe's population is approximately 14.6 million and about 4.8 million people voted in the 2018 harmonized election, leaving about 9.8 million people who did not vote. As these 17 political parties, we are not only representing those who voted but we are representing the entire population of Zimbabwe. We ourselves have not been sanctioned, yet many of the members of our own group have been unable to open bank accounts because of red flags that exists in the global financial system on Zimbabwe as a direct repercussion of Sanctions. Other members of our group have had bank accounts shut down due to this same reason.

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